

## STATE LAND CONSERVATION SUMMARY

### SELECTED FUNDING SOURCES

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The purpose of this appendix is to indicate how many states have used selected funding sources for land conservation since the 1960s (\*\*The Rocky Mountain Region states, Utah, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, and Montana are italicized). Only the most common or most significant funding sources are indicated in this appendix, accompanied by the earliest and ongoing dates associated with those funding sources.

<b>Bonds</b>		<b>General Fund Appropriations</b>		<b>License Plate Sales</b>	
<b>Total States: 23</b>		<b>Total States: 22</b>		<b>Total States: 22</b>	
<b>State</b>	<b>Year(s)</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Year(s)</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Year(s)</b>
California	'76, '80, '84, '88	<b>**Arizona</b>	<b>'94</b>	California	'71
Connecticut	'86-'92	California	'89, '91, '96	Florida	
Delaware	'90	Delaware	'94, '95	Georgia	'97
Florida	'64, '68, '72, '86, '87, '90	Florida	'90-2000	Indiana	'93
Georgia	'90, '95, '96	Georgia	'94	Illinois	'94
Illinois	'85, '95	Hawaii	'87-'91	Iowa	
Louisiana	'90	Illinois	'86	Kentucky	'94
Maine	'87	Indiana	'84	Maine	'95
Maryland	'98 to 2002	Iowa	'89-'99	Maryland	
Massachusetts	'87, '96	Kentucky	'90, '92, '93	Massachusetts	
Minnesota	'87, '90, '91, '92, '94	Nebraska	'90-'92	Michigan	
<b>**Nevada</b>	<b>'90</b>	New Hampshire	'87-'89	Minnesota	'95
New Hampshire	'87	<b>**New Mexico</b>	<b>'94</b>	New York	'96
New Jersey	'61, '71, '74, '78	New York	'93	North Carolina	'89
	'83, '87, '89, '95, '96	North Carolina	'87, '88	Oklahoma	
New Mexico	'88	North Dakota	'95-'97	Ohio	'95
New York	'60, '62, '72, '86, '96	Pennsylvania	'88, '90	Pennsylvania	
Ohio	'93	South Carolina		South Carolina	
Pennsylvania	'93	<b>**Utah</b>	<b>'98</b>	<b>**Utah</b>	
Rhode Island	'86, '87, '89, '96	Vermont	'87, '88	Virginia	'92
South Carolina		Virginia	'88, '99	West Virginia	'96
Vermont	'90, '92	Washington	'87, '89, '90 to date	Wisconsin	'95
Virginia	'92				
Wisconsin	'89				

## Real Estate Transfer Tax

**Total States: 15**

### States ..... Year(s)

Arkansas ..... '86  
Delaware ..... '90  
Florida ..... '82  
Georgia .....  
Hawaii ..... '91  
Illinois ..... '89, '96  
Maryland ..... '90  
New York ..... '93  
North Carolina ..... '91  
Pennsylvania .....  
Rhode Island ..... '86  
South Carolina ..... '86  
Tennessee ..... '86  
Vermont ..... '88  
Washington ..... '87-'89

### Lottery

**Total States: 7**

### State ..... Year(s)

**\*\*Arizona ..... '90**  
**\*\*Colorado ..... '83 (dedicated in '92)**  
Iowa ..... '86, '89-'99  
Maine .....  
Minnesota ..... '88  
Nebraska ..... '92  
Oregon ..... '95

## Cigarette Tax

**Total States: 5**

### State ..... Year(s)

California ..... '88  
Minnesota .....  
Nebraska .....  
Pennsylvania .....  
Texas ..... '87-'93

## Environmental Penalty Money

**Total States: 4**

### State ..... Year(s)

Alaska ..... 1992-2002  
Kentucky ..... '94  
**\*\*Montana ..... '87**  
**\*\*Utah ..... '94**

## Gas Tax

**Total States: 2**

### State ..... Year(s)

California ..... '89-'99  
**\*\*Idaho ..... '96**

## Sales Tax (Conservation Tax, Sporting Goods Tax)

**Total States: 3**

### State ..... Year(s)

Arkansas ..... '96  
Missouri ..... '84  
Texas ..... '96

## Oil/Gas/Mineral

**Total States: 6**

### State ..... Year(s)

Alabama ..... '92-'2012  
Kentucky ..... '94  
Louisiana ..... '88  
Michigan ..... '76  
**\*\*Montana ..... '75**  
**\*\*New Mexico ..... '88, '92**

# STATE LAND CONSERVATION PROGRAMS/TRUST FUNDS

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State	Program/Fund	Year	Source/Amount	Use/Objectives
Alabama	Forever Wild Land Program	1992 to 2002	Forever Wild Land Trust: Percent of interest income earned from Alabama Trust Fund (payments from the sale or lease of rights to explore and drill oil in off-shore areas)  \$6 m. to \$15 m. a year (depending on interest rates)	Identify, acquire, manage, protect and preserve natural lands and waters that are of environmental and recreational importance.
Alaska	Exxon Valdez Restoration Fund	1991 to 2001	Environmental Penalty Monies  \$900 m. over 10 years	Restore damaged natural resources and services. Funds will be spent on five general categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General restoration;</li> <li>• Monitoring and research (to guide restoration activities);</li> <li>• Restoration Reserve Fund;</li> <li>• Habitat protection and acquisition;</li> <li>• Public information, science management and administration.</li> </ul>
Arizona	Arizona Heritage Fund	1990	Lottery  \$10 m. a year	Provide opportunities for the public to enjoy parks and outdoor recreation, to help preserve natural and cultural resources, and to promote environmental education.
Arizona	Water Protection Fund	1994	Direct Appropriations , surcharges on sales of Central Arizona Project water to out-of-state utilities  About \$5 m. a year	Provide grants to private, local, state, federal and Indian agencies for the protection and restoration of rivers and streams.
Arkansas	Natural Heritage Commission	1997	Conservation Tax (sales tax) , Real Estate Transfer Tax, General Revenue Appropriations, Grants (foundation, National Park Service, Wetlands Council, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, etc.)  About \$4 m. (FY'99)	Identify, preserve, and manage special places in Arkansas that still retain their pre-settlement characteristics, providing a glimpse of the state's original landscape. These places often include habitat for threatened and endangered species.
California	Natural Areas Conservation Program	1988	Bonds  \$776 m.	Provide funding for natural area protection, restoration, and acquisition. Protect endangered species habitat, open space, parkland and wetlands.
California	Environmental Enhancement Mitigation Program	1989 to 1999	Gas Tax  \$10 m/yr.	Provide funding for land acquisition, trails, and urban forestry projects.
California	Habitat Conservation	1990	Cigarette Tax	Protect wildlife habitat and related activities through the year 2020. Two thirds of money

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	Fund		\$30 m. a year for 30 years	must be used for acquiring and restoring wetlands, stream and riparian habitat, wildlife and endangered species habitat, and unique habitat.
California	Inland Wetlands Conservation Program	1991	Cigarette Tax (Public Resources Account) \$14 m. year	
California	Agricultural Land Stewardship Program	1996	General Fund Appropriations \$1 m. in FY'97	Promote long-term protection of the state's productive agricultural lands from urban development.
Colorado	Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund	1992	Lottery \$10 to \$20 m. a year until 1999. 1999 and beyond: about \$44 m. a year	Help people of Colorado preserve, enhance, appreciate, and enjoy parks, wildlife, trails, rivers, and open space by making strategic grants.
Connecticut	Recreation and Natural Heritage Trust	1986 to 1992	Bonds \$56 million authorized	Preserve 10 % of the state (natural areas, heritage lands, open space, and recreation areas).
Delaware	Land Protection Program	1990	Bonds, General Fund Appropriations \$70 m. over 10 years	Provide funding for open space acquisition, parks, recreation, greenways, farmland preservation.
Delaware	21 <sup>st</sup> Century Fund	1995	One-time funding from state's claim to abandoned securities and other financial properties \$220 m.	Provide funding for parks, open space, recreation and greenways, farmland preservation, education and community revitalization.
Delaware	Delaware Heritage Program	1997	\$100,000 in FY'96; \$150,000 in FY'97	
Florida	Conservation and Recreation Lands Program	1971	Document Stamp Tax Revenues	Provide funding for rivers, wildlife habitat, natural areas, and wetlands.
Florida	Preservation 2000	1990 to 2000	Bonds \$300 m. a year for 10 years	Provide funding for land acquisition and protection of Florida's ecosystems and urban green space.
Florida	Communities Trust	1990 to 2000	Preservation 2000 Bonds \$30 m. a year	Help local governments implement their comprehensive plans with a focus on preserving natural resources, providing for outdoor recreation, resolving land use conflicts, and assisting urban communities in green space acquisition.
Georgia	Preservation 2000		Bonds \$65 m. in various bond issues up to 1997	Provide funding for natural resource protection.
Georgia	River Care 2000	1995	Bonds	Provide funding for riparian land acquisition and river corridor protection.

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			\$25 m. a year	
Georgia	Nongame Wildlife Conservation and Habitat Acquisition Fund		Nongame check-off (\$260,000 in 1996)  Environmental License Plate Sales (\$6.3 m. in 1997)	
Georgia	"Governor's promise"	1994	General Fund Appropriations  about \$33 m.	Protect 100,000 acres in first term.
Hawaii	Natural Areas Reserve Fund	1987	General Fund Appropriations	Identify, establish and manage Natural Area Reserves.
Hawaii	Natural Areas Partnership and Forest Stewardship	1991	General Fund Appropriations (\$300,000 in 1991)  Real Estate Transfer Tax (about \$2 m. a year for the two programs).	Match management costs for private landowners who agree to permanently protect large areas of intact native ecosystems.
Illinois	Build Illinois	1985	Bonds  \$7.5 million over 4 years	Provide funding for natural area preservation.
Illinois	Natural Heritage Endowment Trust Fund	1985	General Fund Appropriation, Nongame Tax Check-off	Preserve, protect, and manage natural heritage lands.
Illinois	Open Space Land Acquisition and Development Fund		Real Estate Transfer Tax (35%)  about \$14 m. in 1996	Provide grants to local governments for the purchase of parks, greenways, and conservation easements.
Illinois	Natural Areas Acquisition and Management Fund		Real Estate Transfer Tax (15%)	Provide administration and stewardship costs for existing protected lands and funds new habitat acquisition and contracts for restoration.
Illinois	Conservation 2000	1995	Bonds  \$100 m. over 6 years	Implement a broad-based, long-term ecosystem program to provide grants that fund land and easement acquisition, restoration, and research for the state's natural lands, soils and water resources.
Indiana	Heritage Trust Fund	1983	General Fund Appropriations (\$5 m. to be matched with same from private sector)  Environmental License Plate s (about \$1.5 m. a year)	Provide funds for natural areas acquisition and management.
Iowa	Resource Enhancement and Protection Program	1989 to 1999	Lottery and General Fund Appropriations, Environmental License Plate Sales  \$15 m. in 1999, \$20 m. in 1991, \$10.6 m. in 1992, \$9.4 m. in 1993.	Provide funding for city parks, open space acquisition, soil and water enhancement, roadside vegetation, historical resources, state land management, county grants, and conservation education.
Kansas	Playa Lakes Joint	1990s	Private Donations, Phillips	Provided funding for five state Playa Lakes

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	Venture		Petroleum \$600,000 over five years	conservation efforts.
Kentucky	Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund	1990	Funding provided in 1994 from the following three sources: environmental license plates, environmental penalties, and a portion of unmined minerals tax.	Provide funding for nature preserves state parks, forests and wild rivers.
Louisiana	Wildlife Habitat and Natural Heritage Trust Fund	1988	Severance Tax on Off-shore Oil Drilling \$1.2 m.	Preserve critical habitat for wildlife and unique natural areas through land acquisition.
Louisiana	Wetland Conservation and Restoration Trust Fund		Severance Tax on Off-shore Oil Drilling \$53 m.	Develop and implement a program to conserve and restore state coastal vegetated wetlands.
Maine	Land for Maine's Future	1987	Bonds \$35 m.	Provide funding for open space, wildlife, parks, natural areas, endangered species habitat, and exemplary natural communities.
Maine	Outdoor Heritage Trust	1995	Lottery \$2 to \$4 m. a year expected	Provide funding for state land agencies, endangered species habitat, conservation and land acquisition.
Maryland	Program Open Space	1969	Real Estate Transfer Tax	Acquire lands to protect greenways, parks, natural areas, scenic rivers, recreation and open space.
Maryland	Rural Legacy Program	1998 to 2002	General Obligation Bonds, Real Estate Transfer Tax, Program Open Space Funding  Between \$70 m. and \$140 m. (Some may be leveraged with Zero coupon U.S. Treasury Notes and additional bonds may be requested.)	Protect Rural Legacy Areas, regions rich in agricultural, forestry, natural and cultural resources that, if conserved, will promote resource-based economies, protect green belts and greenways, and maintain the fabric of rural life.
Maryland	Ag. Land Preservation Foundation Program		Over \$2.5 m. a year	Enhance easement purchases statewide in addition to Rural Legacy Areas.
Massachusetts	Wildlands Acquisition Account		Wildlife Stamp, Hunting and Fishing Licenses  About \$1.5 m. a year	Purchase land for wildlife habitat.
Massachusetts	Open Space Bond Bill	1996	Bonds \$399 m.	Protect and preserve the state's open space and critical water resources.
Michigan	Natural Resources Trust Fund	1976	Oil and Gas Lease Revenues  Constitutional amendment in 1984 dedicated \$20 m. a year to land (75%) acquisition and to development (25%).	Acquire land that is scenically beautiful or environmentally important.

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Minnesota	Environmental and Natural Resources Trust	1988	Lottery  50% of state lottery. As of 1995, the \$1 billion cap had nearly been reached.	Provide funding for agricultural lands, wetlands, scientific, and natural areas.
Minnesota	Reinvest in Minnesota	1986	Successive Bonds  \$16 m. ('87); \$5.5 ('90); \$5 ('91); \$3 ('92); \$31.2 m. ('94)	Provide funding for agricultural lands, wetland preservation and restoration, fish and wildlife habitat and forest acquisition, and scientific and natural areas.
Minnesota	Critical Habitat Matching Program	1986	Environmental Trust Fund (Lottery) Environmental License Plate Sales Requires one to one match from private sector.	Provide funds to buy wildlife management areas, restore wetlands, and protect spawning sites.
Minnesota	Minnesota Future Resources Fund		Cigarette Taxes  \$13 m. per biennium	Fund grants for special environmental projects.
Missouri	State Parks/Clean Water Initiative	1984	Conservation Sales Tax  \$54 m.	Fund state park and soil conservation programs through the Department of Conservation and Department of Natural Resources. Includes funding for wetlands, natural areas, hunting and fishing areas, historic sites and open lands.
Mississippi	Local Landmarks Program	1996	General Fund Appropriation  Initially funded at \$3 m.	Provide matching grants to restore historic parks in metro areas (80%) and for other redevelopment and acquisition projects.
Montana	Habitat Montana Program	1992	Portion of State Game Licenses  \$2.5 m. a year as of 1992	Provide funding for land acquisition (but has been used primarily for purchasing conservation easements.
Montana	Bonneville Power Administration Mitigation Fund	1987	Environmental Penalty Money  \$500,000 to \$800,000 a year	Protect wetlands and habitat for certain species.
Nebraska	Environmental Trust Fund	1992	Lottery  49.5% after 1997	Provide funding for critical habitat areas, wetlands. Includes purchasing land or easements to protect critical habitat for rare or endangered species.
Nebraska	Nongame and Endangered Species Cons. Act		Nongame Tax Check-off	Provide funding for habitat acquisition for species conservation.
Nevada	Nevada Parks and Wildlife Board	1990	Bonds  \$47.2 m.	Improve, enhance, and expand state and county parks; protect critical wildlife habitat, natural areas and threatened and endangered species; acquire water rights for wetlands and wildlife; provide public access for hunting, fishing, and recreation opportunities; enhance riparian zones; and preserve quality of life.
New Hampshire	Land Conservation Investment Program	1987	General Fund and Bonds	Provided funding for open space, forests, natural areas, and wildlife habitat.
New Jersey	Green Acres, Green Trust, Blue	1961	Successive Bonds	Achieve, in partnership with others, a system of interconnected open spaces whose protection

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	Acres		Nearly \$1.5 billion since 1961	will preserve and enhance New Jersey's natural environment and its historic, scenic, and recreational resources for public use and enjoyment.
New Mexico	Natural Land Protection Fund	1988	Bonds, Severance Tax, General Fund	Provided funding for the protection of threatened and endangered species and natural areas.
New Mexico	State Parks and Youth Conservation Corp (YCC)	1995	Gross Receipts Tax on Water and Sewer Utilities  15% to State Parks, 10% to YCC	Provide \$2.5 m. a year to State Parks and \$1.5 m. a year to YCC environmental projects.
New York	Environmental Protection Fund	1993	General Fund (\$95 m. a year)  Other sources: Real Estate Transfer Tax, sale of state surplus lands, conservation license plates, grants and leases of state-owned underwater lands (\$87 m. a year).	Provide a permanent dedicated fund for natural area acquisition and other environmental programs.
New York	Local Park, Historic Preserv. and Heritage Area Pres.erv. Program		General Fund (Environmental Protection Fund)  \$13.5 m. in 1997	Provide funding for grants to municipalities and nonprofit organizations.
New York	Open Space Program		General Fund (Environmental Protection Fund)	Provide funding for state acquisition of open space .
New York	Clean Water, Clean Air Bond Act	1996	Bonds  \$1.75 billion	Provide funding for land acquisition (about \$150 million).
N. Carolina	Recreation and Natural Heritage Trust Fund	1987	General Fund, Real Estate Transfer Tax	Provide grants to state agencies to purchase land for state parks, preserves, wildlife conservation areas, forests, coastal reserves and historic sites.
N. Carolina	Clean Water Trust Fund		\$40 m. a year	Create a grant fund (applicants can be nonprofits) to protect riparian areas and enhance water quality.
Ohio	Nature Works Bond Issue	1993	Bonds  Authorizes \$50 m. a year to a ceiling of \$200 million.	Provide funding for natural areas, park and recreation acquisition and development (state and local), water resources, primary dam repair and stream banking programs, conservation and habitat protection, and some health and safety projects.
Oregon	Access and Habitat Program	1993 to 1997	\$2 Surcharge on Hunting and Fishing Licenses  \$1.2 m. per biennium	
Oregon	Fisheries Restoration and Enhancement Program	1989	Surcharges on Sport Angling and Commercial Fishery Licenses (\$13 M. per Biennium)  Lottery Funds in 1995 (\$2.2 M.).	Provide grant money to restore fisheries and their habitat.
Pennsylv-			Bonds (\$50 m. over 3 years)	Provide funding for land acquisition (priority



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Idaho	Keystone '93	1993	Real Estate Transfer Tax	given to critical habitat for rare, threatened or endangered species), improvement and rehab. of parks, recreation facilities, ed. facilities, historic sites, zoos, and public libraries.
Pennsylvania	Farmland Purchase of Development Rights Program		Cigarette Tax About \$20 m. a year	
Rhode Island	Program Open Space	1986	Successive Bonds \$122 authorized for entire program	Provide funding for parks, open space and natural areas. (A \$4 m. bond in 1996 was approved to protect natural, recreation, and farm land resources.)
S. Carolina	Heritage Trust Fund		State /Federal Appropriations, Bond Revenues, Securities, and Real Estate Transfer Tax.	Provide land acquisition funding for heritage lands and wildlife habitat.
Utah	LeRay McAllister Critical Lands Conservation Rev. Loan Fund	1998	General Fund, State Surplus Land Sales, Donations General Fund:\$100,000, FY'99	Assist local entities or nonprofit organizations in their efforts to preserve wildlife habitat, watershed, recreation lands, or other lands related to quality of life or cultural heritage in the state.
Utah	Habitat Management Program	1995	Habitat Authorization Fee \$3.9 m. in FY'96 and \$3.4 m. in FY'97	Enhance, preserve, manage, acquire and protect fish and wildlife habitat and improve public access for fishing and hunting.
Utah (Federal Program)	Utah Reclamation, Mitigation, and Conservation Commission	1994	Federal Mitigation Money \$11.6 m. in FY'98	Conserve, mitigate, and enhance fish, wildlife and recreation resources affected by development and operation of federal reclamation projects, particularly the Central Utah Project.
Vermont	Housing and Conservation Fund	1987	General Fund Appropriation (\$3 m. in 1987 and \$20 m. in 1988), Capital Bonds, and Property Transfer Tax	Create affordable housing and conserve agricultural and recreational land, natural areas, and historic properties.
Virginia	Virginia Parks and Recreational Facilities Bond	1992	Bonds (Total issue: \$96 m.) \$11.5 million	Provide funding for parks, recreation areas, natural areas and heritage sites.
Washington	Trust Land Transfer Program	1989	General Fund Appropriations Over \$270 m. approved since beginning of the program	Increase funding for school construction while protecting the state trust lands with significant biological, recreational, heritage, or scenic values.
Wisconsin	Stewardship Program	1989	Bonds \$250 m. over 10 years	Protect habitat, forests, and environmentally sensitive areas, expand and preserve state parks, and acquire recreational lands.
Wyoming	Wildlife Trust Fund		Hunting and Fishing Licenses and Application Fees	Purchase wildlife habitat.
Wyoming	Game and Fish Easement Program	1997		Assure adequate habitat in crucial areas for various wildlife species and provide public access for sportsmen and sportswomen.